

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Mike Jopek, on January 20, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mike Jopek, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Julie French, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Russell Bean (R)  
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)  
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. David Howard (R)  
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)  
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)  
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)  
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)  
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)

**Staff Present:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
Marshall McEwen, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 48  
Executive Action: None

00:01:30 Rep. Roundstone and Rep. Taylor entered the room.

**Department of Livestock:**

00:02:00 Christian MacKay, Department of Livestock  
00:11:19 Rep. Wagner  
00:11:42 Mr. MacKay  
00:14:18 Rep. Wagner  
00:14:27 Mr. MacKay  
00:14:47 Rep. MacDonald  
00:16:00 Mr. MacKay  
00:18:06 Rep. Belcourt  
00:18:31 Mr. MacKay  
00:20:31 Rep. Belcourt  
00:21:08 Mr. MacKay  
00:23:40 Rep. Dickenson  
00:24:03 Mr. MacKay  
00:26:20 Rep. Dickenson  
00:26:33 Mr. MacKay  
00:27:01 Rep. Dickenson  
00:27:20 Mr. MacKay  
00:27:47 Rep. Furey  
00:28:14 Mr. MacKay  
00:28:20 Rep. Furey  
00:28:25 Mr. MacKay  
00:29:22 Rep. Fleming  
00:29:55 Mr. MacKay  
00:31:24 Rep. Hoven  
00:31:38 Mr. MacKay  
00:35:10 Rep. Caferro  
00:35:29 Mr. MacKay  
00:36:17 Rep. Butcher  
00:37:02 Mr. MacKay  
00:37:40 Rep. Butcher  
00:38:28 Mr. MacKay  
00:39:07 Rep. Belcourt  
00:39:33 Mr. MacKay  
00:40:57 Rep. Bean  
00:41:10 Mr. MacKay  
00:41:23 Chairman Jopek  
00:41:32 Mr. MacKay  
00:44:40 Chairman Jopek  
00:44:46 Rep. Warburton  
00:46:05 Mr. MacKay  
00:47:51 Rep. Warburton  
00:48:25 Mr. MacKay  
00:50:35 Chairman Jopek  
00:50:46 Mr. MacKay  
00:50:54 Chairman Jopek

**HEARING ON HB 48**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:51:19 Rep. Paul Beck (D), HD 59, opened the hearing on **HB 48**,  
Revise laws relating to Growth through Agriculture  
program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:54:07 Ron de Yong, Director, Department of Agriculture

**EXHIBIT**(agh13a01)

01:02:04 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association, Montana  
Farm Bureau and Montana Farmers Union

01:02:35 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana

**EXHIBIT**(agh13a02)

01:04:26 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development  
Corporation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:06:48 Rep. Butcher

01:07:19 Mr. de Yong

01:08:04 Rep. Butcher

01:09:12 Mr. de Yong

01:10:49 Rep. Butcher

01:11:13 Collin Watters, Department of Agriculture

01:12:08 Rep. Butcher

01:12:43 Mr. Watters

01:13:05 Rep. Butcher

01:13:45 Mr. Watters

01:14:15 Rep. Taylor

01:14:45 Mr. Watters

01:15:51 Chairman Jopek

01:16:00 Rep. Taylor

01:16:49 Mr. de Yong

01:17:30 Rep. Taylor

01:17:51 Mr. de Yong

01:19:18 Rep. Hoven

01:19:33 Mr. de Yong

01:20:28 Rep. Hoven

01:20:41 Mr. de Yong

01:21:01 Rep. Hoven

01:21:11 Mr. de Yong

01:21:46 Rep. Wagner

01:22:18 Mr. de Yong  
01:22:42 Rep. French  
01:23:08 Mr. de Yong  
01:23:48 Rep. French  
01:23:58 Mr. de Yong  
01:24:13 Rep. French  
01:24:20 Mr. de Yong  
01:24:29 Rep. Kerns  
01:24:44 Mr. de Yong  
01:24:54 Rep. Roundstone  
01:25:22 Mr. de Yong  
01:26:02 Rep. Roundstone  
01:26:34 Mr. de Yong  
01:27:02 Chairman Jopek

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:27:13 Rep. Beck  
01:29:14 Chairman Jopek

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:29:54 Adjournment

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MARSHALL MCEWEN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([agh13aad.pdf](#))**